



**Connecticut
Light & Power**

The Northeast Utilities System

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Energy and Technology Committee
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***Re: Proposed H.B. No. 5209, LCO No. 270, AN ACT CONCERNING THE BILLING OF
LANDLORDS AND TENANTS BY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES***

Good afternoon. My name is Richard Soderman, and I am Director of Legislative Policy and Strategy for Northeast Utilities Service Company, appearing on behalf of the Connecticut Light and Power Company.

This bill would require electric distribution companies to place service back in the name of a tenant in situations when the tenant had previously been responsible for the electric bill, the tenant filed a complaint regarding the property's electric service and the account was transferred to the landlord while repairs were being made, but only after the landlord provides proof to the electric distribution company that such repairs were made.

The proposed bill before us is short on specific language, but CL&P does not oppose the concept. The situation arises primarily where a tenant's meter is recording usage for common areas or other dwelling units as well as their own. In these situations, the landlord is responsible for the bill until the Company is notified that repairs have been made. CL&P currently follows this practice and therefore supports the concept as set forth in the proposed legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation.